**सियाचिन मुद्दे पर विवाद**

1011. **श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत-पाकिस्तान सीमा पर स्थित सियाचीन ग्लेशियर पर पाक सैनिकों द्वारा बार-बार गोलाबारी करने के संबंध में विशेष रूप से सतर्क हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में भारत ने 1 जनवरी, 1992 से अब तक पाकिस्तान के उच्च अधिकारियों के साथ कितनी बार बातचीत की है और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं; और

(ग) इस ग्लेशियर पर गत एक वर्ष के दौरान गोलाबारी की विभिन्न घटनाओं में मारे गए और घायल हुए सैनिकों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार)** : (क) से (ग) हमारी सशस्त्र सेनाएं, साल्तोरो पर्वतमाला पर वास्तविक भूमि स्थिति रेखा, जो कि सियाचीन ग्लेशियर के पश्चिम में है, पर अपनी प्रादेशिक अखण्डता की सुरक्षा के लिए निरन्तर निगरानी बनाए रखने के लिए तैनात हैं । पाकिस्तानी और भारतीय सेना के बीच कभी-कभी गोलीबारी होना एक आम घटना है ।

भारत और पाकिस्तान के रक्षा सचिवों के बीच सियाचिन मुद्दे पर वार्ता का छठा दौर 2 नवम्बर से 4 नवम्बर, 1992 तक नई दिल्ली में हुआ था । इस बात-चीत के दौरान मुख्यत: सियाचिन के मुद्दे के संबंध में एक व्यापक संकल्प के प्रस्तावों पर चर्चा हुई थी । यह भी सहमति हुई कि वार्ता का अगला दौर जल्दी ही इस्लामाबाद में होगा ।

पिछले वर्ष के दौरान गोलीबारी की [illegible] में जहां हमारी तरफ से सेना का [illegible] और 14 घायल हुए [illegible]1 जवानों के [illegible] ।

**Defence relations with Former Soviet Republics**

1012. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken measures to establish defence relations with former Soviet Republics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) Yest, Sir. Following the dissolution of erstwhile USSR, Government have been pursuing a policy of establishing contacts with the various successor States to ensure continued Defence cooperation. Modalities for such cooperation have been worked out with the major supplying countries.

**Outcome of the Indo-Pak Talks on Siachen issue**

1013. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pakistani delegation led by the Defence Secretary visited recently to resume the Sixth round of talks on the Saichen Glacier issue after a gap of over three years; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the discussions and the action taken so far by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The Sixth Round of Talks on the Saichen issue, between Defence Secretaries of India and Pakistan, were held in New Delhi from November 2 to 4, 1992. During the talks, resumed after a gap of three years, proposals aimed at a comprehensive resolution of the Siachen issue were discussed. It was agreed that the next round of talks will be held in Islamabad at an early date.

**Involvement of a Naval Officer in sinking of I.N.S. Andaman**

1014. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an officer, whose involvement in the sinking of I.N.S. Andaman is

widely known, has been recently promoted to the rank of Vice Admiral in the Navy by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the morale of the Navy will not suffer more so because Vice Admiral would be in line for succession to the post of Chief of Naval Staff ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) Based on the findings of the Board of Inquiry, instituted by the Chief of Naval Staff, to investigate the incident, appropriate disciplinary action was taken against several officers, including the then Eastern Fleet Commander. However, the latter officer had completed the tenure of the Displeasure awarded to him before his elevation, which was based on his overall service record, relative merit and seniority.

**Construction of Ezhimala Naval Academy**

1015. SHRI E. BALANANDAN :
SHRI M. A. BABY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether tender was invited to select the Master Plan for the construction of Ezhimala Naval Academy.

(b) if so, which area has been accepted from amongst the proposals;

(c) what would be the total cost of the construction of the Academy;

(d) by when it is likely to be commissioned;

(e) whether the rehabilitation of those who were there on the proposed site has been completed; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) An all India open two-stage Architectural Competition was conducted to select the architects to design the Ezhimala Academy. The selected architects are preparing the Master Plan for the Academy.

(c) and (d) The total cost of construction of the proposal Naval Academy and the time frame for its completion/commissioning can be determined only after the Master Plan and the Detailed Project Report have been prepared and the Project sanctioned.

(e) The rehabilitation of the ousted families has been undertaken by the State Govt.

(f) Does not arise.

**Modernisation of Indian Air Force**

1016. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the new progny of MiG aircrafts that are being manufactured in India in coordination with Russia;

(b) whether it is a fact that Russia doesn't want to collaborate with India in the field of new advance technology;

(c) if so, what is the alternate arrangement for the manufacture of advance aircraft which are required for Indian Air Force; and

(d) what steps the Government of India are taking to modernise its Air Force just to match with U.S.A. and other advanced countries ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) (a) MiG-27M is being manufactured at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under a licence agreement with the erstwhile USSR.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) The requirements for modernisation of the Defence Services, including the Indian Air Force, are reviewed by Government from time to time in the context of the threat perception and appropriate measures are taken to ensure full defence preparedness.

**Situation of the line of actual control in North-West Border**

1017. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the defence forces in the North-West border along the Line of